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SUBJECT: TIMING FOR THE NEXT US/EC CONSULTATIONS

1. IN A DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR GREENWALD ON
MARCH 5, EC COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT SOAMES MADE A
STRONG RECOMMENDATION THAT THE NEXT US/EC CONSULTATIONS
TAKE PLACE ON MAY 16-17. HE SAID THAT UPON REFLECTION
HE NOW BELIEVED THAT THE DATES DISCUSSED SO FAR WERE
BEGINNING TO PRESENT PROBLEMS. MARCH 28-29 WAS NOW TOO
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CLOSE TO ALLOW PROPER PREPARATION; APRIL 8-9, BECAUSE

IT WAS CLOSE TO THE EASTER VACATION, WOULD MEAN THAT OTHER COMMISSIONERS, SUCH AS CHEYSSON OR LARDINOIS WHO WOULD OTHERWISE PARTICIPATE, MIGHT NOT BE AVAILABLE. IN SOAMES' VIEW ONE OF THE GREAT ASSETS OF CONSULTATIONS IN BRUSSELS IS THE INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER COMMISSIONERS.

2. SOAMES' PRIME CONCERN, HOWEVER, WAS THAT THE CONSULTATIONS NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL AFTER THE SETTLEMENT "ONE WAY OR THE OTHER" OF THE ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS. IF THE NEGOTIATIONS REMAINED UNSETTLED AT THE TIME OF THE CONSULTATION, THE US DELEGATION WOULD HAVE TO MAKE SOME STATEMENT TO THE PRESS, WHICH COULD ONLY MAKE THE COMPLETION OF THOSE NEGOTIATIONS MORE DIFFICULT.

3. SOAMES SAID THAT HIS OWN SCHEDULE WAS COMPLETELY FILLED AFTER APRIL 11, INCLUDING TRIPS TO BRITAIN AND YUGOSLAVIA AND MEETINGS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. IN EARLY MAY, HE FACED COUNCIL MEETINGS, RATHER EXTENDED MEETINGS OF PARLIAMENT, AND THE OECD MINISTERIAL. CONSEQUENTLY, HIS STRONG PREFERENCE WAS FOR A MEETING ON THE 16TH AND 17TH OF MAY, WHICH THE COMMISSION WOULD BE WILLING TO MAKE FIRM. GREENWALD

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